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Maryland Holds Mock Medical Emergency Exercise

August 4th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley convened several state agencies including the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in partnership with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, to participate in a Cabinet-level exercise to test the state's ability to respond to a medical emergency.

There have been no cases of Ebola in Maryland, and the likelihood of an outbreak occurring here is low. DHMH continues to monitor the situation very carefully.

"Exercises are important to help us test our capability to respond to emergencies," said Laura Herrera, DHMH Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services.

[As one of the Administration's core homeland security goals](#), Governor O'Malley made early detection, surveillance, and situational awareness to mitigate the threat of both naturally occurring and human-caused biological hazards a top priority.

Since 2009, the State has worked to build out and expand DHMH's automated computer biosurveillance system, or [Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics \(ESSENCE\)](#).

ESSENCE collects data inputs from school systems, hospitals, as well as real-time pharmacy distribution data into one system, enabling the State to better track and respond to biological emergencies. Under the Governor's leadership, these programs now feature an increased focus on key public health indicators and monitoring sensor data for chemical or radiological releases or abnormalities.

In addition to ESSENCE data evaluation, some of the capabilities tested during the exercise included information management and sharing across several governmental levels and disciplines; public messaging and notification protocols; law enforcement operations in support of public health interventions; public health surveillance; and more.

Participants in the exercise included DHMH, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for

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Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine.

For more information about Ebola, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>.

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Governor O'Malley Announces Koolspan, Brainscope Tapped for Follow-on Investments from InvestMaryland

August 5th, 2014

BALTIMORE, MD – The Maryland Venture Fund (MVF), the equity investment arm of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), has made follow-on investments totaling \$700,000 in two of its portfolio companies. KoolSpan, developer of a suite of patented, hardware-based mobile security encryption solutions, received \$400,000. BrainScope, which is pioneering sophisticated neurotechnology to quickly assess traumatic brain injury at the initial point of care, received \$300,000. Both companies are located in Bethesda. The investments were made with funds raised by InvestMaryland, Governor Martin O'Malley's key initiative designed to spur growth and development of small, high-tech companies in Maryland.

"KoolSpan and BrainScope have both made tremendous progress since the Maryland Venture Fund first invested in them, and we are excited to make these follow-on investments," said **Governor O'Malley**. "In Maryland we are committed to supporting the growth of future leaders in industries that keep us safer, healthier and better connected than ever before. KoolSpan and BrainScope are perfect examples of the innovative, high-tech companies that set Maryland's economy apart and provide the family-sustaining jobs of today and tomorrow."

"This investment from MVF is a testament to the growth that we are experiencing globally in the mobile security market, and the demand for mobile hardware security solutions from an increasingly large pool of customers seeking the best data protection available," said **Gregg Smith, CEO of KoolSpan**. "We grew over 1000% last year and expect to continue on an accelerated growth path, moving from our current 45 employees to around 100 by year end. To put that number in perspective, just two years ago we had 8 employees."

KoolSpan offers mobile hardware-based encryption and security to companies and government agencies looking to protect data and voice communications against theft over network-connected devices. The company's TrustChip®, a hardware chip encryption engine and foundation of its offerings, is deployed in more than 50 countries and powers Samsung's S1 mobile and voice security and also AT&T's

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encryption platform. Koolspan holds 21 granted patents on the technology underlying its hardware-based encryption and security applications that protect over network-connected mobile devices including cell phones, office network phones, laptops, tablets, PCs, desktop phones and servers. MVF has invested \$700,000 total in KoolSpan, including the most recent investment.

"BrainScope is greatly honored to receive another round of funding from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development," said **Michael Singer, President and CEO of BrainScope**. "The continued investment from the State of Maryland over the past three years, and now most recently, has been instrumental in helping us develop point of care medical devices to assess traumatic brain injury, a vital public health need."

BrainScope is developing small, highly portable, non-invasive instruments designed as adjuncts to standard clinical practice assessment to aid medical professionals in rapidly and objectively assessing traumatic brain injury (TBI), including concussion, particularly for those patients who do not present as seriously impaired. In addition to its applications potentially improving outcomes for soldiers who suffer TBIs, BrainScope's technology may also be used to assist in objectively assessing sports-related brain injuries. Continued headlines on soldiers returning from overseas with TBIs and the serious dangers of sports concussions have elevated awareness of this important global public health issue. BrainScope devices under development for assessment of traumatically-induced head injury and concussion are for investigational use only. The company has received nearly \$12 million from several government contracts to support its work. MVF has invested a total of \$900,000 in BrainScope since 2011, including the first InvestMaryland investment in 2012.

Created by Governor O'Malley and passed by the General Assembly in 2011, InvestMaryland is a public-private partnership between the State and venture capital firms. It raised \$84 million to spur growth in small, high-tech Maryland companies and is the largest venture capital investment initiative in Maryland's history. Two-thirds of the funding – \$56 million – is being managed by carefully screened private venture firms that will invest the funds and, if successful, return 100% of the principal and 80% of the profits to the State's general fund. The remaining third of the InvestMaryland capital is largely allocated to direct investments by the state-run MVF.

The Maryland Venture Fund is a regionally recognized leader in seed and early-stage investing and a national model for state-supported investment programs. With nearly two decades of experience and numerous successful investments, MVF invests in highly innovative technology companies across the full range of industry sectors including software, communications, cybersecurity and life sciences companies in the areas of healthcare IT, medical devices and diagnostics.

About DBED

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and

financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. For more information, visit www.ChooseMaryland.org.

About KoolSpan

KoolSpan, Inc. develops hardware-based encryption and security applications to protect data and voice communications over network-connected devices. The foundation for KoolSpan encryption is the TrustChip®, a hardware-based security platform delivered through a secure microSD processor. It protects connected devices including cell phones, office network phones, laptops, tablets, PCs, desktop phones and servers. TrustChip's TrustSDK is FIPS 140-2 validated and deployed in more than 50 countries. KoolSpan is privately held and based in Bethesda, Md. For more information, visit: www.koolspan.com.

About BrainScope

Backed by Revolution (created by AOL co-founder Steve Case), Shaman Ventures, ZG Ventures, Maryland Venture Fund and Brain Trust Accelerator Fund, BrainScope is a medical neurotechnology company that is developing a new generation of hand-held, easy-to-use, non-invasive instruments designed to aid medical professionals in rapidly and objectively assessing brain function. BrainScope devices in development are based on a proprietary technology platform, which integrates databases of brainwave recordings with advanced digital signal processing, sophisticated algorithms, miniaturized hardware and disposable headset sensors. The company's initial focus is on traumatic brain injury and its milder presentation, commonly referred to as "concussion". BrainScope's unique devices are being created to meet a long-standing clinical need for improved early identification, staging and triage of head injured patients. BrainScope devices under development for assessment of traumatically-induced head injury and concussion are for investigational use only. For more information, please visit www.brainscope.com.



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Governor O'Malley Announces Membership of the Task Force to Ensure Retirement Security for All Marylanders

August 5th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Continuing his efforts to strengthen and grow Maryland's middle class, Governor O'Malley today announced the names of appointees to the Governor's Task Force to Ensure Retirement Security for All Marylanders.

Established by [executive order](#) in May, and chaired by former Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the Task Force brings together representatives from key sectors across the State to find ways to better secure retirement savings for private sector employees in Maryland.

"This Task Force convenes some of the brightest minds in Maryland to tackle one of the toughest challenges facing our State: ensuring that Marylanders are able to enjoy a stable and secure retirement," said **Governor O'Malley**. "Far too many of our citizens are anxious about how they're going to be able to afford to retire — I brought this group together to help address that."

The group will begin meeting immediately and work to develop recommendations, present a report to the Governor by December 4, 2014, and will terminate on February 15, 2014. The report will include actionable steps to implement strategies that will address threats to retirement security in Maryland and devise a path toward retirement solvency for Maryland's private sector workforce.

Chairwoman and former Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy

Townsend added, "The Governor has identified lifelong financial security as a critical challenge facing Maryland families. I look forward to working with the members of the Task Force and hearing from the public to develop solutions which are cost effective and sustainable.

A recent Boston College study found that over one half of Americans stand to outlive their retirement savings, with American households facing a current retirement shortfall of \$6.6 billion. Currently, 49 percent of private-sector workers participate in a retirement plan, and only 16 percent participate in a defined benefit plan, leaving the remaining 36 percent without vital retirement income. The Task Force will look for ways to support stable, secure retirements for private sector employees in the

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State, which will in turn prevent dependency on government programs, create more consumers and inject more money into the State's economy.

The Task Force is comprised of members of the General Assembly, the State Treasurer, labor unions, along with members of the financial services industry and small business community (full membership list below).

Appointees to the Task Force to Ensure Retirement Security for All Marylanders

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Chair – Ms. Townsend currently serves as a Managing Director of The Rock Creek Group and she is the founder of the Center for Retirement Initiatives at Georgetown University. Ms. Townsend served as Lieutenant Governor of Maryland from 1995 to 2003 and previously held the positions of Assistant Attorney General for Maryland, Executive Director of the Maryland Student Service Alliance for the State Department of Education and Presidential Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Literature, cum laude, from Harvard University and her law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Donna S. Edwards, Labor Union Member – Ms. Edwards currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO. She is currently President of the Maryland Social Services Employees Union, AFSCME Local 112 and Vice-President of Central Maryland Community Services. She received her Bachelor of Social Work Degree from the University of West Virginia and her Master of Social Work Administration degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She also studied Labor Studies at the Harvard Trade Union Program.

Steven Hill, Labor Union Member – Mr. Hill currently serves as Policy Director for Public Services for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). He was the Founding Director of the Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute and served as Senior Economist for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Hill received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College and his Master of Public Affairs degree from North Carolina State University.

Edward C. Bernard, Financial Services Industry Member – Mr. Bernard currently serves as Vice Chairman of the T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., Chairman of the T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds and as a member of the T. Rowe Price Board of Directors and Management Committee. Mr. Bernard is also a member of the Board of Governors for the Investment Company Institute, a member of the Board of Trustees for CenterStage and a member of the Board of Directors for the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Asian History from Brown University and his M.B.A. degree in International Finance from New York University.

Nailah Gobern Lee, Small Business Community Member – Ms. Lee currently serves as Co-owner and Chief Operating Officer of Breasia Productions, an event production company. She is also a bilingual Licensed Graduate Social Worker. Ms. Lee is a volunteer for the Health Care for All Coalition and is a board member of the University of Maryland School of Social Work Alumni Association. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Florida State University and her

Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Sarah E. Mysiewicz, Retiree Representative – Ms. Mysiewicz currently serves as Senior Legislative Representative for AARP, Inc. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Political Science from Illinois Wesleyan University and her Master of Arts degree in Political Studies from the University of Illinois. She also studied abroad at St. Petersburg University, IES London and Peking University.

Diane Oakley, Member – Ms. Oakley currently serves as Executive Director of the National Institute on Retirement Security. She is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and a member and former Public Sector Co-Chair of The Tax Coalition. She received her Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, in Mathematics from Fairfield University and her M.B.A. degree in Finance from Fordham University. Ms. Oakley is also a graduate of the Aspen Institute Leadership Development Program.

Gary Kleinschmidt, Member – Mr. Kleinschmidt currently serves as Director of Retirement Sales for Legg Mason Global Investment Management. He is a member of the National Association of Plan Advisors and the American Society of Pension and Professionals and Actuaries. Mr. Kleinschmidt received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University.

Valerie Ervin, Member – Ms. Ervin currently serves as Executive Director of the Center for Working Families. She previously served as a Council Member and President of the Montgomery County Council and as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education. She received her Bachelor's degree from the National Labor College and her Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Baltimore.

Howard S. Freedlander, Member – Mr. Freedlander currently serves as a Senior Consultant for The Artemis Group. He previously served as Deputy Treasurer for External Affairs for the Maryland State Treasurer's Office and as Executive Director and Director of Public Affairs and Legislative Liaison for the Maryland National Guard. Mr. Freedlander is an emeritus board member for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, board member and secretary for Leadership Maryland and board member for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. He served 34 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and Maryland Army National Guard, retiring as a Colonel. Mr. Freedlander received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and his Master of Science degree in Military Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College.

The President of the Senate appointed **Sen. James Rosapepe** and **Sen. Joe Getty** and the Speaker of the House appointed **Del. Dana Stein** and **Del. Sandy Rosenberg**.



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Governor O'Malley Issues Statement on the Passing of George W. Collins

August 5th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley issued the following statement on the death of George W. Collins, former WMAR-TV broadcaster and editor-in-chief of the Afro-American newspaper:

"George Collins embodied the best of journalism, offering insights and investigative reporting that changed the arc of history. George Collins exposed corruption, racism and bigotry wherever he found it, reporting each of those stories with fairness and accuracy. His presence as a guardian of truth and justice will be missed in Baltimore City, and across our State and nation. My deepest condolences to the Collins family as they celebrate his life and legacy."



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'Governing for Results' Tour Highlights the State's Hospital Prevention Goal

August 6th, 2014

CUMBERLAND, MD – Today, Governor Martin O'Malley joined state and local officials at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center (WMRMC) to see firsthand how innovative statewide programs have cut hospital admissions to new lows. Addressing preventable hospitalizations is one of Governor O'Malley's core [goals](#) for improving the health of Maryland citizens by changing the way healthcare is provided. Overall there has been an 11.5% decrease in preventable hospitalizations per 100,000 Marylander since 2011.



"We're using innovative strategies to solve important problems," said **Governor Martin O'Malley**. "By focusing on common platforms, and by moving away from 'fee-for-service,' we are reducing preventable hospitalizations, controlling healthcare costs, and keeping Marylanders healthier."

The Governor toured the Center for Clinical Resources, which uses a multidisciplinary approach to coordinating care for patients with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, heart failure, and COPD. The Center has

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produced approximately \$1.4 million in savings for chronic heart failure and diabetic patients. The Governor was joined by Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH); Dr. Sue Raver, Allegany Health Officer; Barry Ronan, President & CEO of the Western Maryland Hospital System (WMHS), parent group of WMRMC; and Nancy Adams, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer of the WMHS

"The Western Maryland Health System has been able to successfully embrace the triple aim of health care reform: better quality of care at a reduced cost while improving the health of the community and this has been accomplished through a new care delivery model introduced under the O'Malley Administration," said **Mr. Ronan**. "Total patient revenue or TPR, which served as a precursor to the modernization of the Medicare Waiver in Maryland, was introduced in ten Maryland hospitals four years ago. The model is based on value and keeping people healthy and out of the hospital. Under Governor O'Malley, not only do Marylanders have greater value and improved health status as demonstrated by our health needs assessment results, but access to care has also dramatically improved."

The Governor also released [A Prescription for Innovation: Maryland's Data-Driven Approach to Containing Costs and Advancing Health](#). The paper provides an overview of how the O'Malley-Brown Administration's innovative policy efforts and investments in new data platforms have sparked unprecedented progress inside and out of the health care system, leading to lower costs, better health outcomes, and improved patient care.

"What's happening in Western Maryland is at the cutting edge of healthcare in our nation," said **Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary of DHMH**. "By shifting off of fee-for-service hospital reimbursement, the health system is achieving greater results and controlling costs."

The 'Governing for Results' series focus Maryland's progress in achieving measurable improvements in the areas of opportunity (jobs and schools), sustainability, public safety and public health. The events will focus on strategies and efforts the State is using to achieve the [O'Malley-Brown Administration's 16 goals](#).



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Governor O'Malley Issues Response to PSC Ruling on Uber, New Transportation Services

August 6th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley issued the following statement on today's ruling by the Public Service Commission on expanding transportation service access for Marylanders:

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has ranked Maryland as the #1 state in the nation for innovation and entrepreneurship for three years in a row. As new innovations change the transportation services landscape, we must ensure that our laws and regulations evolve as well – we shouldn't try to limit a 21st century marketplace with 20th century regulations. The Public Service Commission was right when it said that "many industry changes and technological advances have occurred since these regulations were adopted" and that regulatory revisions "may be appropriate to more effectively regulate" innovative transportation companies. I urge the Commission—and the Maryland General Assembly—to ensure that our laws and regulations accommodate and foster new innovations to ensure that Marylanders have choices, while always ensuring that we protect the safety of all Marylanders."



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Governor O'Malley Announces Retirement Security Task Force Begins Work to Strengthen Middle Class through Better Retirement Opportunities

August 8th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley today announced that the Governor's Task Force to Ensure Retirement Security for All Marylanders has officially begun its efforts to improve options for secure retirement savings for private sector employees in Maryland.

The Task Force, established by Executive Order and chaired by former Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, hosted its first meeting yesterday afternoon in Annapolis.

"Strengthening and growing the middle class is the central focus of our work, and ensuring the financial security of Maryland workers is a key part of that equation," said **Governor O'Malley**. "I am pleased that the Task Force has now formally begun to tackle one of the toughest challenges facing our State: ensuring that Marylanders are able to enjoy a stable and secure retirement."

"This week, our Task Force took the first step toward addressing the critical challenge facing Maryland families: lifelong financial security," said **former Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**. "We gained valuable insight from the public—and from each other— as we began our collaborative efforts to develop innovative, sustainable and cost effective policy recommendations to safeguard Marylanders' economic security."

The Task Force consists of members from the House of Delegates, Senate, Governor's Cabinet, the State Treasurer, labor unions, the financial service industry, the small business community, and the retiree community. The Task Force will issue a report by December 4, 2014, and will terminate on February 15, 2015, unless the Governor declares an extension.

The full executive order establishing the Governor's Task Force to Ensure Retirement Security for All Marylanders is found [here](#).



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Governor O'Malley Announces Disaster Relief Grants for Victims of Western Maryland Flooding

August 8th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley unveiled a disaster relief package to aid residents of Allegany and Washington Counties impacted by the extreme flooding that occurred June 12, 2014. The announcement follows the Governor's remarks Wednesday that the state will meet the needs of residents who were temporarily displaced or incurred serious disaster-related expenses not covered by an insurance policy.

"Western Maryland communities affected by June floods have many unmet needs and financial burdens that require our assistance," said **Governor O'Malley**. "We must do whatever we can to meet the needs of these families and businesses in Western Maryland and to help those impacted by the storm recover."

Residents who apply to the Western Maryland Other Needs Assistance Program may receive up to \$5,000 in grants to pay for temporary housing, medical needs (including mental health and dental needs), moving and storage, personal property (including clothing, essential tools and equipment and vehicle damage), and emergency housing repairs. The program is intended to provide for the essential, necessary expenses and serious needs of applicants recovering from a disaster. It is not intended to help the applicant return his or her home to pre-disaster condition.

How to Apply:

On Monday, August 11, 2014, the state will open Essential Service Centers in each impacted county at the following locations:

Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department Fire Company 13109 Warrior Drive Cresaptown, Maryland 21505 21722	Clear Spring Volunteer 30 Mulberry Street Clear Spring, Maryland
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Both centers will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through August 17, 2014. The Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Department of Housing and Community Development will assist residents with gathering required documentation and filling out applications. Residents should bring copies of any receipts or documents showing that the damage to their home

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and/or personal property, any medical expenses or other serious needs were caused by the storm that occurred June 12, 2014.

For more information on this state grant opportunity, residents can call [855-769-5779](tel:855-769-5779) or visit the DHR Web site at <http://www.dhr.maryland.gov>.

Residents in Allegany, Garrett, Washington and Frederick Counties may also be eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Individuals who apply for or secure a loan through the SBA may still apply for a grant under the Western Maryland Other Needs Assistance Program. For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling [\(800\) 659-2955](tel:800-659-2955), e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call [\(800\) 877-8339](tel:800-877-8339). Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The deadline to apply for both forms of assistance is Sept. 29, 2014.



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Maryland Marks 7th Consecutive Year of Record Crime Reductions

August 11th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – State officials today announced that 2013 year-end crime data compiled by the Maryland State Police, and submitted to the FBI for use in the national uniform crime report (UCR), shows that [violent crime and property crime in Maryland has been driven down to the lowest rates since 1975](#). Total crime has been driven down 2.3 percent since 2012, with 4,394 fewer crimes reported. This marks the lowest number of total crimes and total crime rate ever reported in Maryland since the Uniform Crime Reporting program was adopted in 1975.

“Thanks to the hard work and dedication of law enforcement, public safety professionals and community leaders across Maryland, we’ve driven crime down to lows not seen in nearly 40 years,” said **Governor O’Malley**. “These reductions don’t happen by chance – they happen because of the choices we continue to make together. We’re investing in public safety — and we’re setting goals, measuring progress, and improving cross-jurisdictional collaboration in order to deploy our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. The result: Maryland families and communities are safer than they’ve been in decades.”

Upon taking office in 2007, the O’Malley-Brown Administration set a [goal](#) of driving down violent crime 20 percent by the end of 2012. As a result of efforts by public safety officials at every level of government — and strategic investments in targeted crime fighting efforts — law enforcement achieved that goal in 2011 and exceeded it again in 2012. Since then, the Administration set a new goal to drive down violent crime an additional 20 percent by the end of 2018. As of last year’s 2012 UCR, Maryland had driven down violent crime by 27 percent in seven years.

In 2013, together with the hardworking members of Maryland’s law enforcement, the State drove down the number of violent crimes by 1.3 percent; robberies by 0.9 percent; aggravated assaults by 1.3 percent; incidents of breaking and entering by 4.7 percent; larceny/theft by 1.2 percent; and motor vehicle thefts by 7.3 percent. While homicide rates increased slightly (4 percent), the homicide rate of 6.5 per 100,000 residents is the 2nd lowest ever reported in Maryland. Sixteen jurisdictions drove down total crime while fifteen jurisdictions drove down violent crime. Fourteen jurisdictions drove down property crimes such as breaking and entering, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft.

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“We’ve driven violent crime down to the lowest level in three decades by investing in local law enforcement, working with community leaders, and partnering with county and local governments, who share our goal of keeping Marylanders safe,” said **Lt. Governor Brown**. “Although our state is safer than at any point in our recent history, we know that there’s still work to do. We must continue our efforts and our progress until every Marylander is safe in their home and in their community.”

In 2013, the total number of rapes was driven down by 5.4 percent in 2013, with 67 fewer than in 2012.

“Thousands of dedicated police officers, deputies, agents, state troopers and other public safety personnel worked diligently in 2013 to help keep our citizens safe and these historically low crime statistics are evidence of their committed efforts,” said **Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police**. “These numbers are also the result of the O’Malley-Brown Administration making crime fighting efforts a top priority — by focusing on ensuring security integration, technology implementation, coordinated communication, and cross-jurisdictional cooperation that have combined to help law enforcement identify and bring to justice the violent criminals most responsible for crime in our state.”

[Driving down violent crime against women and children](#) has been a priority for the O’Malley-Brown Administration. From 2006 to 2013, the number of female and juvenile homicide victims was driven down 26.2 percent. This morning, Lt. Governor Brown announced Maryland’s 10th hospital-based domestic violence program at the University of Maryland Medical Center, building upon the programs established in Howard County and St. Mary’s County in 2013. These programs provide training to hospital staff so that they can screen patients coming into the hospital who may be victims of domestic violence. Once these individuals are identified, they are given specialized medical treatment and referred to comprehensive services available in the community, such as counseling, legal services and temporary housing.

The crime reductions announced today are a result of increased partnerships between the State and local criminal justice agencies through efforts like the [Safe Streets Initiative](#), an offender-based model that institutes collaboration and information sharing across all levels of government to dramatically reduce crime. The objective of Safe Streets is significant violent crime reduction through seamless coordination, consistent interagency collaboration, and information sharing by focusing on the core group of offenders who commit the majority of violent offenses in a local jurisdiction.

Others statewide initiatives have played a significant role in crime reduction: the [Violence Prevention Initiative](#), designed to identify and track the state’s most violent adult and juvenile offenders; enhanced warranted service to swiftly remove violent offenders from the streets; the use of DNA to identify and convict offenders; and the [Criminal Justice Dashboard](#), a web-based application consolidating 115 sources of data from 24 agencies in a single platform. Partnerships with neighboring regions have allowed Maryland agencies to share information about criminals who cross state borders. The passage of the [Firearm Safety Act in 2013](#) requires background checks and fingerprinting for individuals who wish to purchase firearms. These innovations and collaborations have been instrumental in supporting Maryland’s goal to drive down crime and provide safe neighborhoods for its citizens to live, work, and raise a family.

To view the full UCR report for Maryland, click here: <https://www.mdsp.org/Downloads.aspx>.

Click here for Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's analysis of the 2013 UCR report for Maryland: <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/msac/crime-statistics.php>.



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Governor O'Malley Announces BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport and Port of Baltimore Win National Security Awards

August 12th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) and the Port of Baltimore, both leading economic engines in the State of Maryland, were selected as winners by *Government Security News* in the magazine's 2014 Airport / Seaport / Border Security Awards Program. *Government Security News* was founded in 2003 and serves an industry that includes physical, IT, and homeland security individuals, agencies, and companies.

"I want to congratulate BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore on this impressive recognition — their efforts to respond to our State's growing security needs is unmatched," said **Governor O'Malley**. "Since 2007, we've worked to make BWI and the Port more safe and secure for the public and for the thousands of men and women who work there. This award is acknowledgement of the hard work, dedication and collaboration across State government — truly a major accomplishment for the State and the people we serve and protect daily."

"BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore play a critical role in Maryland's growing economy, and I'd like to congratulate them on being recognized for their commitment to safety for both Marylanders and the visitors who use these facilities to travel to Maryland each year," said **Lt. Governor Anthony Brown**. "As we look to the future, we will work together to ensure that all of Maryland's facilities are leaders in public safety and security."

A major security and public safety improvement at BWI Marshall, the Consolidated Dispatch Center Upgrades project, was recognized with two first-place awards in the competition: Most Notable Airport Security Program, Large Airports and Best Physical Security Information Management System.

The improvement project upgraded the BWI Marshall dispatch center systems for police, security, fire, and medical services. The new technology platform integrates and automates numerous systems in the Airport's consolidated dispatch center. The project scope included:

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- an automated dispatching system;
- mobile dispatching equipment in all first responder vehicles;
- emergency call processing system;
- fire station alerting system;
- detailed mapping of the BWI Marshall facilities with emergency apparatus GPS tracking; and
- a new back-up dispatch center.

"This highly successful project provided our security and public safety personnel with cutting-edge emergency response technology," said **Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer of BWI Marshall**. "The improvements to the consolidated dispatch center help ensure increased responsiveness and situational awareness. We are honored by the recognition from *Government Security News*."

The BWI Marshall project was a 12-month, \$5.2 million major information technology initiative to upgrade the Airport's consolidated dispatch center. BWI Marshall and the prime contractor for the project, Intergraph Corporation, were recognized in the awards program. The project was completed in 2013.

The Port of Baltimore was selected as the winner in the category of *Most Notable Seaport Security Program (Port Initiative)*. It was recognized for a number of recent security improvements including:

- a remote-controlled submersible vehicle that secures the Port's public marine terminals and also has the ability to detect Improvised Explosive Devices on ships;
- an underwater intrusion detection system that can detect underwater attempts to attack ships;
- Closed-Circuit Television of the public marine terminals; and
- the E-Modal Trucker Check which requires all companies and drivers transporting cargo to pre-register in an automated software system prior to arriving at the public marine terminals.

"Governor O'Malley challenged us to become one of the most secure ports in the U.S. and through these and other security initiatives in place, we have done that," said **Maryland Port Administration Executive Director James J. White**.

"Through the help of our federal, state, and local security partners, the Port of Baltimore today has a network of comprehensive security initiatives in place that begin well before any cargo arrives, continues through its time at our Port, and right through the time it leaves our Port for worldwide destinations."

Both BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore were selected among many other public and private sector nominees. According to *Government Security News*, the awards program was created to recognize and salute organizations that have created, "cutting edge technologies that continue to strengthen the security of airports, seaports and borders."



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Triumfant to Receive \$750,000 from InvestMaryland

August 13th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The [Maryland Venture Fund](#) (MVF), the equity investment arm of the [Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development](#) (DBED), will invest \$750,000 in [Triumfant](#), a leading provider of advanced threat detection and remediation technologies located in Rockville. The investment, split into two payments, will be completed by November 30. MVF invested alongside existing investors Novak Biddle Partners and Core Capital Partners using funds raised by InvestMaryland, a key initiative of Governor Martin O'Malley designed to spur growth and development of small, high-tech companies in Maryland.



"Maryland is the epicenter of cybersecurity, home to unmatched federal assets, industry-leading services and solutions providers and a growing community of promising startups like Triumfant that are developing cutting-edge products to keep our critical computer networks safe," said **Gov. O'Malley**. "Maryland is committed to supporting entrepreneurs and innovators fueling the growth of our economy and we are looking forward to Triumfant's continued success following this investment."

"Maryland is quickly becoming ground zero in the battle against cyber threats," said **John Prisco, president and CEO, Triumfant**. "Based largely on the

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involvement of organizations such as the Maryland Venture Fund making strategic investments in emerging security companies we are now able to attract the top talent that allows us to not only compete, but pull ahead of other technology centers around the country.”

Triumfant offers large commercial enterprises and government entities continuous protection against next-generation malware attacks, including advanced persistent threats (APTs), targeted attacks, in-memory attacks, zero-day attacks and rootkits. The company has been identified by [Gartner](#) as one of the leading providers of endpoint security solutions. Applying mathematical theory, patented analytics and precision remediation capabilities, Triumfant enables organizations to detect and respond quickly to sophisticated attacks that bypass traditional signature-based defenses. By monitoring more than 500,000 attributes per machine – more than any other endpoint security solution on the market – Triumfant is able to accurately identify and investigate anomalous activities on endpoint systems. Triumfant stops breaches before they become full-scale attacks, and automatically repairs the machine and all collateral damage within minutes of the attack. Using Triumfant, organizations have constant assurance that sensitive data arriving on endpoints is safe, properly controlled within the enterprise, and compliant with industry standards and regulations.

Created by Governor O’Malley and passed by the General Assembly in 2011, InvestMaryland is a public-private partnership between the State and venture capital firms. It raised \$84 million to spur growth in small, high-tech Maryland companies and is the largest venture capital investment initiative in Maryland’s history. Two-thirds of the funding – \$56 million – is being managed by carefully screened private venture firms that will invest the funds and, if successful, return 100% of the principal and 80% of the profits to the State’s general fund. The remaining third of the InvestMaryland capital is largely allocated to direct investments by the state-run MVF.

The Maryland Venture Fund is a regionally recognized leader in seed and early-stage investing and a national model for state-supported investment programs. With nearly two decades of experience and numerous successful investments, MVF invests in highly innovative technology companies across the full range of industry sectors including software, communications, cybersecurity and life sciences companies in the areas of healthcare IT, medical devices and diagnostics.



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Cyber Firm Luminal Tapped for Follow-on Investment from InvestMaryland

August 14th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The [Maryland Venture Fund](#) (MVF), the equity investment arm of the [Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development](#) (DBED), has made an follow-on investment of nearly \$451,000 in Luminal, Inc., a cybersecurity firm that relocated to Maryland earlier this year from West Virginia. The MVF investment is part of a \$10 million funding round led by New Enterprise Associates, a leading global venture capital firm, and was made with funds raised by InvestMaryland, a key initiative of Governor Martin O'Malley designed to spur growth and development of small, high-tech companies in Maryland.



"Luminal's unique and innovative architecture promises to revolutionize security in the cloud and minimize advanced, persistent threats to our personal information and vital infrastructure. This important investment from local and global investors is a testament to the company's potential and promise," said **Governor O'Malley**. "Every day brings with it another reminder of the absolute necessity of robust and dynamic cybersecurity solutions. We are proud to have Luminal in Maryland as they conduct this essential work and develop market-leading products to secure the

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cloud.”

Over the last year, the MVF has invested \$600,000 in the company as part of a multifaceted strategy to support growth and job creation in young, innovative Maryland companies. Luminal also took home a \$100,000 prize from the Fund as the winner of the cybersecurity category in the InvestMaryland Challenge, Maryland’s national business competition, and was the first company to take advantage of Maryland’s innovative Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit.

“This investment led by NEA will allow us to grow our team and expand our beta customer base in advance of general availability of our product,” said **Josh Stella, founder and CEO of Luminal**. “We’re building solutions from first principles to tackle hard problems in computing, and the strong support we’ve received from NEA, Core Capital, Maryland Venture Fund, and our other investors helps make that possible.”

Luminal is a cybersecurity startup that simplifies and secures cloud computing systems. It addresses deficiencies in traditional computing architectures that lead to security vulnerabilities and operational complexity. The company is working with early customers to further develop its solution for general availability, initially on Amazon Web Services. Luminal’s move to Maryland has allowed the company to take advantage of other Maryland programs supporting cybersecurity companies.

Created by Governor O’Malley and passed by the General Assembly in 2011, InvestMaryland is the largest venture capital investment initiative in Maryland’s history. In March 2012, the State raised \$84 million for the program through an online auction of tax credits to Maryland insurance companies. Two-thirds of the funding – \$56 million – is being managed by carefully screened private venture firms like Core Capital that will invest the funds and, if successful, return 100% of the principal and 80% of the profits to the State’s general fund. The remaining third of the InvestMaryland capital is largely allocated to direct investments by the state-run Maryland Venture Fund.

The Maryland Venture Fund is a regionally recognized leader in seed and early-stage investing and a national model for state-supported investment programs. With nearly two decades of experience and numerous successful investments, MVF invests in highly innovative technology companies across the full range of industry sectors including software, communications, cybersecurity and life sciences companies in the areas of healthcare IT, medical devices and diagnostics



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Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown Provide Nearly \$100 Million to Improve Transit Services Statewide

August 14th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Working to help local jurisdictions across the State enhance transit services for residents while continuing efforts to increase transit ridership, Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown today announced nearly \$100 million in grants for Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS). The funding, approved by the Governor and members of the General Assembly during the recent legislative session, will cover operating and capital costs for the 25 LOTS programs statewide for Fiscal Year 2015. The passage of the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act helped increase funding by \$5 million over FY 2014 figures. The \$94,987,124 in FY 2015 funds is from Maryland's Transportation Trust Fund, and the LOTS program is managed by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).

"Residents across our great State rely on their local transit providers to get to jobs, schools, doctors visits and other important appointments," said **Governor O'Malley**. "This funding will help meet the needs of residents while helping the State meet our [goal of doubling transit ridership by 2020](#). Working together with leadership of the General Assembly, we're making record investments in building a 21st century transportation network that delivers for more Marylanders."

"Investing in transit is a critical part of building our infrastructure, increasing transit ridership, growing our economy, creating jobs, and attracting more businesses to Maryland while protecting our environment," said **Lt. Governor Anthony Brown**.

"These investments in our counties and partnerships with local leaders allow us to support and strengthen communities throughout our state while creating a more sustainable future for the next generation of Marylanders."

There are 25 LOTS providers operating throughout Maryland. The type of services offered by each County's LOTS depends on the jurisdiction's size, needs and population. Some jurisdictions have extensive fixed-route service, while others offer demand-response service that provides door-to-door transportation. LOTS provides services to approximately 41 million riders each year. A full list of what each LOTS provider will receive is attached.

"Transit works when it takes people to where they want to go," said **Transportation**

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Secretary James T. Smith, Jr. “Thanks to the leadership of the O’Malley-Brown Administration, and members of the General Assembly in passing the Transportation Act, the increase in grant funds this year will allow more people to take advantage of improved transit services statewide.”

“We are very grateful to the O’Malley-Brown Administration for providing this needed funding to help us provide crucial transit services to residents in the Mid-Shore area,” said **Santo A. Grande, President and CEO of Delmarva Community Services**, which operates Delmarva Community Transit. “Because we are in a rural area, many of our residents do not own a car or cannot drive and depend on reliable transit services for access to medical appointments, employment and other services.”

The MTA is a division of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States. MTA operates Local and Commuter Buses, Light Rail, Metro Subway, Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Train Service, and a comprehensive Paratransit (Mobility) system. MTA also manages the Taxi Access system and directs funding and statewide assistance to LOTS in each of Maryland’s 23 counties, Baltimore City, Annapolis and Ocean City. Visit MTA’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mtamaryland> or Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/mtamaryland> for more sources of updated information.

[Click here](#) to view the full list of the FY 2015 LOTS grants.



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Governor O'Malley Applauds U.S. Department of Interior's Successful Offshore Wind Energy Area Auction

August 19th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Today, Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown congratulated U.S. Wind Inc., a company provisionally awarded wind energy leases in the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) official auction. The two lease areas are within the Maryland Wind Energy Area (WEA) of the Outer Continental Shelf located 10 nautical miles east of Ocean City, Maryland within Federal waters.

"We need a jobs agenda to match our climate challenge," **Gov. O'Malley said.**

"Expanding renewable energy, like we're doing here, will bring Maryland's vision for clean energy one step closer to reality and clearly set our State apart on the country's renewable energy landscape."

BOEM will officially award leases after the winning bids pass anti-trust review by the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission.

Secretary Sally Jewell concurred, offering that "today's results are a major achievement and reflect industry confidence as we strengthen our nation's foothold in this new energy frontier. I want to thank Governor Martin O'Malley, his team, and members of BOEM's Maryland Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force for all of their hard work and leadership leading up to today's successful auction. The collaboration and thoughtful planning that went into this lease sale will serve as a model as we continue up and down the coast in our efforts to ensure wind energy is developed in the right way and in the right places."

Bidders in the auction competed for a northern and a southern lease area within the Wind Energy Area. Leases give project developers an exclusive right to submit plans to conduct site assessment, which will inform project planning in the leased areas. However, prior to construction, BOEM must approve Construction and Operations Plans, which will likely involve full Environmental Impact Statements.

Although the auction process results in a provisional award for the lease areas, the lessees may apply to divide or assign the areas after the auction.

This auction is the first step in planning for actual projects within the WEA. Under the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act, which passed in 2013, site control and project

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feasibility are key factors in the evaluation of the proposals. Next, federal leaseholders propose projects to the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) and compete for state financial support through Offshore Renewable Energy Credit (OREC) orders, which will provide project developers with the necessary revenue certainty to move forward with projects.

MEA Director Abigail Hopper commented on the auction stating "this is an exhilarating time for the State of Maryland, as we are making significant progress in our long term goals to make renewable energy a major contributor to the state's portfolio. Today, we are charging ahead to develop the offshore wind sector in the State. Maryland businesses and stakeholders can begin planning for real and impactful projects."

For more information about this initiative, please visit [here](#).



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Governor O'Malley Announces Retirement of Maryland's Housing Secretary

August 22nd, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley announced today that Raymond A. Skinner, who has served as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development since 2007, is retiring at the end of the month and that he will appoint Clarence J. Snuggs as acting secretary effective Sept. 1.

Secretary Skinner skillfully guided the agency to record achievements during one of the deepest economic downturns in the nation's history and helped shape Maryland's successful people-oriented response to the housing crisis.

"Ray's experience, vision and genuine concern for working families made him an invaluable asset in establishing one of the most comprehensive, effective and far reaching responses to the foreclosure crisis in the country," **Governor O'Malley** said. "He fought for every home as if it was his own — our State is tremendously grateful for his efforts."

As secretary, Skinner managed the state's housing finance, asset management, community development, and building code programs. He previously served as DHCD secretary from 1999 to 2003, during the administration of Governor Parris Glendening. He has devoted his career to public service and is a well-respected leader in the housing and community development field, serving as a trustee of the National Housing Conference and on the board of the National Council of State Housing Agencies. He previously served as president of the Council of State Community Development Agencies.

Under Secretary Skinner's leadership, the O'Malley-Brown administration launched key initiatives such as Rental Housing Works that greatly expanded the state's stock of affordable rental housing even as the collapse of the national financial markets brought commercial lending to a virtual standstill. Projects launched through neighborhood revitalization initiatives such as Community Legacy and Sustainable Communities were recognized repeatedly for innovation by organizations such as the National Council of State Housing Agencies, the Council of State Community Development Agencies and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

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"Over the course of a long and successful career, Secretary Skinner dedicated his time, energy, efforts, and considerable skill to ensuring that each and every Marylander, in communities throughout our state, had a safe, affordable place to call home," said **Lt. Governor Anthony Brown**. "As we look to the future, we will continue to build on his legacy of housing advocacy and work together to build stronger communities throughout our state."

"It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to work with the O'Malley-Brown administration to expand housing opportunities for the hardworking families of our state and to ensure that all citizens live in safe, opportunity-rich communities," **Secretary Skinner** said.

Snuggs, who will serve as acting secretary, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Winston-Salem State University and a MBA degree from Howard University. He was appointed deputy secretary of DHCD in 2007 after a distinguished career in affordable housing and community banking. He was director of Enterprise Community Partners' Baltimore office; deputy executive director of NeighborWorks America; vice president for community lending for Maryland National Bank and Signet banks and deputy executive director and corporate treasurer for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp. in Washington, D.C.

In June 2009, Deputy Secretary Snuggs was awarded a certificate of completion for the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.

He lives in Montgomery County with his wife and son.



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Governor O'Malley Attends First Council on Open Data Meeting, Highlights Efforts to Share Data and Drive State Agency Performance

August 25th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley today participated in the inaugural Council on Open Data meeting in Baltimore. The 37-member council — led by the Deputy Secretary of DoIT, Greg Urban and Vice-chaired by the Director of StateStat, Matt Power — brings together cabinet secretaries, entrepreneurs, experts and business owners from across Maryland to increase the public's access to government information and data resources.

Earlier this month, the [Center for Data Innovation](#) placed Maryland in a six-way tie for 1st place for the State's commitment to open data and government transparency. Maryland tied with Hawaii, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma and Utah.

"Access to government data not only increases government efficiency and accountability, but it allows for the open sharing of ideas and solutions that can revolutionize the way in which we govern," said **Governor O'Malley**. "Today's meeting builds on our Administration's efforts to increase transparency and make Maryland more open and more accountable to residents, businesses and advocates."

During the meeting, the Governor led a presentation on Maryland's [Open Data Portal](#) and a demonstration of the State's [iMap data mapping](#) capabilities. The group also discussed the overall charge of the group and strategies for achieving them. Governor O'Malley signed Maryland's Open Data Law (SB 644) into law earlier this year. The new law requires the state to make much of its public information machine-readable and searchable. Some of the specific goals for the council include: designing and conducting a statewide data inventory; agreeing on minimum metadata standards and geo-aggregate standards; reviewing data mapping practices; establishing a statewide standard disclaimer and acknowledgement requirement.

The law further establishes the State's efforts to improve open data and codifies two previous Executive Orders issued by Governor O'Malley. Created for the purposes of increasing the public access to data, the Council will encourage all branches of state and local government to use state open data portals and create ones of their

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own and adopt policies consistent with Maryland's Open Data policy.

Under the new law, the Council must report to the Maryland Legislature on its activities and make legislative recommendations on open data by Jan. 10 of each year.

Since 2007, the O'Malley-Brown Administration's has worked to improve state government management and performance. Governor O'Malley established a state-level version of the nationally-recognized CitiStat program called [StateStat](#). The coordinating office identifies and tracks state agency activities, and measures their performance against the [Administration's 16 strategic goals](#). StateStat began in 2007 with a few select public safety and human services agencies. Today, StateStat "stats" 13 individual agencies each month and hosts a number of cross-agency stats, such as the award-winning [BayStat](#), Re-Entry Stat, Student Stat, VetStat and ClimateStat.



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Governor Appoints Judges to the Court of Special Appeals and Courts in Garrett, Talbot, Washington, and Prince George's Counties

August 26th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley announced today the appointments of several judges to courts across the State of Maryland. Over the last several months, Governor O'Malley has conducted numerous interviews with candidates recommended to him by the appellate courts nominating commission and the trial court judicial nominating commissions. Today's appointees bring a diverse array of legal experiences and backgrounds to their new positions.

Governor O'Malley made one appointment to an at-large seat on the **Court of Special Appeals**.

Dan Friedman has served as an Assistant Attorney General and Counsel to the General Assembly since 2008. In that role, Mr. Friedman provides legal advice to members and committees of the General Assembly about the constitutionality of legislation and proposed bills, and he also defends enacted legislation if it is challenged in court.

Prior to serving in the Attorney General's office, Mr. Friedman served as special counsel at Saul Ewing LLP, as an Associate City Solicitor and Chief of Litigation at the Baltimore City Law Department, and as an associate at Miles & Stockbridge, P.C. For over a decade, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law teaching courses in state and federal constitutional law. In addition, Mr. Friedman has served in numerous community organizations and coaches lacrosse.

Mr. Friedman earned a law degree from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. After law school, he clerked for Judge John Carroll Byrnes on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and Judge Robert L. Karwacki on the Court of Appeals. Mr. Friedman fills a vacancy created by Judge Albert J. Matricciani, who resigned earlier this year after serving in an at-large seat on the Court of Special Appeals since 2008.

Governor O'Malley made one appointment to the **Circuit Court for Garrett County**.

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Since 1996, **Raymond George Strubin** has served as an Assistant Public Defender in Garrett County, where he is responsible for the county-wide administration of the Public Defender's Office. Previously, he served as an Assistant Public Defender in Washington County and worked as an accountant and tax preparer in private practice. Mr. Strubin serves on a variety of Boards of Directors in Garrett County. He earned a law degree from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Governor O'Malley made one appointment to the **Circuit Court for Talbot County**.

Stephen Hughes Kehoe is currently a partner in the Easton law firm of Ewing, Dietz, Fountain & Kehoe, P.A., where he has worked his entire legal career. During that time, Mr. Kehoe has represented a range of clients, including the towns of Easton and Denton, the Queen Anne's County Board of Zoning, the Talbot County Department of Social Services, and the town councils of Centreville and Trappe. In 2013, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender. Mr. Kehoe received a law degree from Case Western Reserve University and an undergraduate degree from Duke University.

Governor O'Malley made one appointment to the **Circuit Court for Washington County**.

Viki Marie Pauler has served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Washington County since 2001. She currently serves on that office's Narcotics Task Force, and previously she focused on prosecuting violent crimes and nuisance abatement cases. Ms. Pauler also serves on multiple regional task forces addressing drug overdose issues. She earned a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Governor O'Malley made three appointments to the **District Court for Prince George's County**.

Clayton Anthony Aarons has spent much of his legal career in public service, including as a Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps; Assistant Public Defender in Prince George's County; and Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County. Most recently, Mr. Aarons has maintained a solo practice in Largo, representing clients in both criminal and civil matters. Mr. Aarons earned a law degree from Howard University School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Brian Charles Denton has had a long and distinguished career in Maryland's Office of the Public Defender. He began his legal career as an Assistant Public Defender in Prince George's County and later served for fourteen years as District Public Defender—first in Southern Maryland, then in Anne Arundel County, and most recently in Prince George's County. Mr. Denton has received several awards from the Office of the Public Defender for outstanding service, including an award for Death Penalty Defense in 2008. Mr. Denton earned a law degree from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

For the last twenty years, **Ann Louise Wagner-Stewart** has served in the State's

Attorney's Office for Prince George's County. In 2003, Ms. Wagner-Stewart oversaw the creation and staffing of a new, specialized unit in that office for the prosecution of domestic violence, and she served as that unit's Chief until 2011.

She is currently the Deputy State's Attorney for Prince George's County. Ms. Wagner-Stewart is actively involved in state and county initiatives to combat domestic violence, including serving as the Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association. Ms. Wagner-Stewart received a law degree from the Catholic University's Columbus School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the George Washington University.



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Governor O'Malley and DataBay Partners Award \$4,000 Grand Prize to Baybucks for Bay-Friendly App

August 28th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – BayBucks, an application that uses an online reward system to track and encourage user contributions to a healthier Chesapeake Bay is the winner of Governor Martin O'Malley's [DataBay "Reclaim the Bay" Innovation Challenge](#). Last evening, Governor O'Malley along with judges Jana Davis, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Trust; Alison Prost, Maryland Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Asher Epstein, COO, Access Health Group; Guy Filippelli, CEO, Red Owl Analytics; and Vince Talbert, Board Chair, Network for Good, presented BayBucks with a check for \$4,000 in recognition of the application they created to assist in Chesapeake Bay restoration.



Governor Martin O'Malley said, "Maryland has been and will continue to be a leader in restoring the Chesapeake Bay watershed, making sure it is healthy and clean for generations of Marylanders to enjoy. The DataBay Reclaim the Bay Innovation Challenge brought together some of Maryland's brightest minds and best technologies to create applications that make it possible for every citizen to have a hand in reclaiming the Bay."

[BayBucks](#) offers incentives and discounts from Maryland business to its users in

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exchange for the actions they take to Reclaim the Bay. The application rewards users that participate with a fun and easy to understand point system. In the BayBucks app, a user might earn a discount at a coffee shop or free magazine subscription for installing a rain barrel in their yard.

The Challenge, held earlier this month, brought together more than 80 scientists, programmers, techies and other civic hackers to create data-driven applications that increase public engagement and aid in Chesapeake Bay restoration. Four teams: [Bay Bucks](#), [EcoSleuth](#), [ChesaPeaks](#) and [MyBay](#) were chosen to move on to compete in the finals.

Sponsors of the event included [University of Maryland College of Computer, Mathematical & Natural Sciences](#) and [A. James Clark School of Engineering](#) and the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#).

Partners included representatives from [Office of the Governor](#), [Maryland Department of the Environment](#), [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#), [National Aquarium](#), [The Future of Information Alliance](#), [Hack Baltimore](#), [Smithsonian Environmental Research Center](#).



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Maryland's Cybersecurity Industry Continues to Thrive: Two Maryland Companies Receive Accreditation Through National Security Cyber Assistance Program

August 28th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley and Senator Mikulski today congratulated two Maryland companies on receiving Cyber Incident Response Assistance (CIRA) accreditation from the National Security Agency (NSA) Information Assurance Directorate (IAD). The CIRA accreditation is the first accreditation offered to civilian cyber firms under the National Security Cyber Assistance Program. [Only seven companies](#) nationwide have been accredited, and two of them are from Maryland. The two Maryland companies receiving the accreditation are Bethesda-based Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Solutions and Maddrix, LLC, a start-up cyber firm based in Baltimore.

"Maryland is the global epicenter of cybersecurity, leading the way in finding cyber tech solutions that make our nation safer and Maryland's economy stronger," **Senator Mikulski** said. "With Maryland's leading federal assets and dynamic private sector, America's cyber defense starts in Maryland. The battlefield is real and the battleships are being built right here in Maryland."

"The fact that multiple Maryland companies have been accredited speaks to our state's leadership in this emerging, job-creating cyber sector," said **Governor Martin O'Malley**.

To become accredited, a company must undergo a positive assessment in 21 critical focus areas of Cyber Incident Response Assistance (CIRA) derived from Industry and Government best practices. As accredited vendors, these companies will help protect critical consumer information. The accreditation also provides vulnerable organizations with the assurance that certified companies have the expertise to handle cyber attacks.

"Lockheed Martin was honored to be designated as one of the first participants in NSA's cyber incident response initiative, which further reinforced our commitment to customers and our cyber posture delivering Intelligence Driven Defense," said **Darrell Durst, vice president, Cyber Solutions for Lockheed**

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Martin Information Systems & Global Solutions. "We support the CyberMaryland program for its efforts with industry and government to enhance education and training programs, technology and innovation," he continued.

"Maddrix is proud to be included in the inaugural class of elite cyber security providers accredited under the NSA's newly formed National Security Cyber Assistance Program (NSCAP)," **Stephen Windsor, President of Maddrix, LLC said.** "This accreditation validates our proven protocol and our long term support to the United States government and private sector critical infrastructure organizations."

The O'Malley-Brown Administration continues to do the things that work to accelerate innovation, both here in Maryland and on the national level. For two years in a row, Maryland has been named the number one state in the nation for Innovation and Entrepreneurship by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Over the last seven years, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has invested \$84 million through the InvestMaryland and the Maryland Venture Fund, and \$7 million in the Cyber tax credits to incentivize and support cyber firms in Maryland.

In February 2012, the State entered into an MOU agreement with Montgomery County and the National Institutes of Technology (NIST) establishing the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE). It is the first Center in the nation bringing together cybersecurity experts from industry, academia and government to create solutions and accelerate their adoption. Earlier this year, Gov. O'Malley joined Senator Mikulski, and County Executive Leggett, among other partners, to sign a [Partnership Intermediary Agreement, expanding and formalizing the State's collaborative efforts to drive innovation and help more businesses protect critical data.](#)



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Governor O'Malley Issues Statement on the Passing of Sylvia Harris

August 28th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor O'Malley issued the following statement on the death of Sylvia Harris, wife of Congressman Andy Harris:

"We extend our deepest condolences to Congressman Andy Harris on the tragic loss of his wife, Sylvia 'Cookie' Harris. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family."



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